



Postsecondary Education NEWS FROM FRANKFORT

News Update From the Council on Postsecondary Education

Council launches new Data Portal

This month the Council on Postsecondary Education unveiled the new Kentucky Postsecondary Education Data Portal, one of the most comprehensive online collections of state education data in the nation. The portal features more than 150 tables, graphs, maps, and postsecondary education reports; an increased number of information categories; national resources for each category; and technical definitions for data terms used throughout the site. For more information, [visit the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Data Portal](#).

Amazon partnership expands to eight more counties

Amazon.com, Commerce Lexington's Workforce Development Partnership, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, and Kentucky Adult Education expanded the Go, Earn, Do – GED initiative to help adults in an eight-county central Kentucky area achieve their GED. Residents of Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Garrard, Jessamine, Madison, Scott and Woodford Counties who participate in the program will receive up to \$40 for a GED test fee reimbursement, a \$20 Amazon.com gift card, and preference in hiring from Amazon. Amazon, which requires the minimum of a GED for employment at its Kentucky facilities, launched the program in 20 Campbellsville-area counties in 2005. Since then, more than 1,100 people in 20 counties have successfully earned their GED through the program. For more information about the Go, Earn, Do - GED program, [visit the KYAE Web site](#).

Universities to learn more about Internet2

Several Kentucky universities will participate in the first statewide Internet2 live event October 27 to showcase this emerging virtual educational tool. Internet2, a high-broadband, high-performance network designed specifically for education and research, will soon enable K-12 teachers and students to virtually connect with postsecondary institutions in Kentucky and across the world. As part of the Kentucky Education Network initiative funded by the General Assembly in the 2006 legislative session, access to Internet2 will be expanded to all Kentucky K-12 school districts by June 2008. To learn more about Internet2 in Kentucky and to view the event agenda, [visit the Internet2 Web site](#).

Math, science, and foreign language focus of 2006 Teacher Quality Summit

The 2006 Teacher Quality Summit in Louisville October 23-24 will focus on the need to increase the supply and quality of mathematics, science, and world language teachers. Co-sponsored by Kentucky's public universities, the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities, and the Council on Postsecondary Education, the event brings together chief academic officers, deans and faculty in arts and sciences and education, and K-12 educators and other state policymakers to discuss postsecondary education's contributions to teacher quality in Kentucky. National speakers include Dr. Pearse Lyons of Alltech, Inc., Dr. Charles Coble of The Third Mile Group, and Dr. Joe Dell Brasel of ACT, Inc. To view the summit agenda, [visit the Council Web site](#).

Local school board members learn about Senate Bill 130

At the request of the Kentucky School Boards Association, Council staff joined the staff of the Kentucky School Boards Association this month for nine regional meetings addressing the importance of Senate Bill 130. Local board members learned how they can use the bill's provisions to improve the college and workplace readiness of students in their districts. Council staff will also provide workshops at KSBA's annual meeting in early 2007 to assist local school board members in the use of the Council's High School Feedback Report in their district planning, budget, and policy decisions. To view a copy of the regional presentation, [visit the Council Web site](#).



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UPCOMING EVENTS

[Teacher Quality Summit](#)
October 23 - 24
Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY

[Statewide Transfer Committee Meeting](#)
October 26, 2006
1 - 4 p.m.
Meeting Room B
Council Offices

[CPE Meeting](#)
November 6, 2006
10 a.m.
Meeting Room A
Council Offices

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